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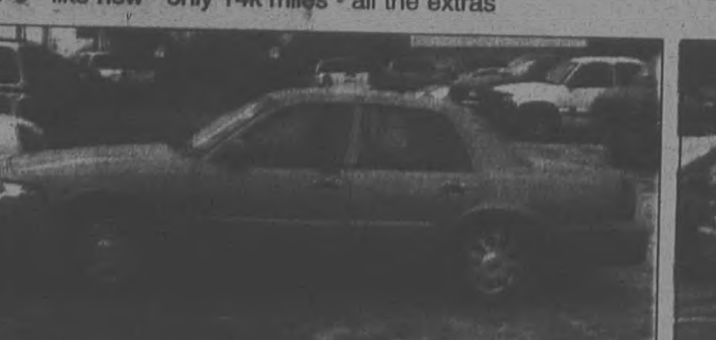
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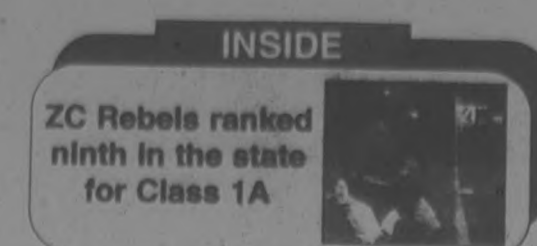
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## County BOE holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Coffee County Board of Education gathered last Thursday evening, April 1, for the regular monthly meeting of the board and found matters to be rather routine.

On a positive note, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram encouraged board members to visit the Zion Chapel campus site.

She said the paving project for the parking lot has been completed, and the construction crew has Friday, April 9, slated for completing the striping work. The superintendent said this will be a good time to finish the job as school will be out in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

Ingram said she is thrilled the project is almost at its end, and everything looks really good.

In regards to the roof at New Brockton High School for the vocational building, Ingram said she met with the contractor following the March board meeting, and after going on top of the building, she said it was discovered there is no use in planning to repair only part of the roof.

She said the roof has been patched several times, and there are bubbles in several places. Also, there is some work on layers of roof on the building, and building codes will not allow more layers.

"This project is much worse than I anticipated," Ingram said. "It's one of those jobs that to protect the integrity of the building, we must do something."

Ingram said she will continue to research the situation and look for the best solution to the problem.

Board member Danny Jernigan said the superintendent is doing a good job of research, and he appreciates the options she is presenting.

In other business, the board granted Ingram permission to seek bids for domestic duplicating paper which will be used in the office and at the schools for the 2004-05 school term.

\* Adopted the school calendar for the 2004-05 school year.

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## Rep. Terry Spicer receives education award

Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba) was recently honored as the Outstanding Benefactor for 2004 by the Alabama Community Education Association.

"As our community grows and changes, our educational services must grow and change to accommodate the challenges it creates," states Representative Spicer. "By receiving this distinguished award for initiatives of this nature, I feel it indicates the commitment to community education has progressed."

The award is presented by ACEA at its annual convention to an outstanding legislator or contributor who has made significant contributions to community education. Nominations can only be made by ACEA members.

Spicer was nominated by Laura Petrey Elliott who serves as the Community Education Coordinator for Crenshaw County Public Schools. In her written nomination, Ms. Elliott highlighted Representative Spicer's efforts to provide educational opportunities to the growing Korean population in the area due to the new Hyundai supplier plants located in the Wiregrass.



Rep. Terry Spicer is pictured with Laura Petrey Elliott, Community Education Coordinator for Crenshaw County Public Schools.

"I believe Representative Spicer is most worthy of this award because he is committed to meeting the challenges it takes to work together with teachers, parents, and the communities for the benefit of our children in our ever changing world," comments Ms. Elliott. Representative Spicer serves as the Dean of the Adult

Education & Skills Training Division for Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. In this position, Spicer strives to offer learning opportunities for children that support the responsibility of developing the whole child, as well as providing adult educational opportunities in Crenshaw, Butler, Coffee, and Covington counties.

## Barr seeks re-election as Circuit Judge

Assistant District Attorney for the Twelfth Circuit working with the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force in 1989. He served as City Prosecutor for the City of Troy and taught in the Criminal Justice Masters Program at Troy State University for several years.

Judge Barr graduated from Pike County High School and attended the University of Alabama where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1969. He attended the University of Alabama Law

Before his election, Judge Barr has served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force and been in private practice in Troy, Ala., for 13 years. He served as a part-time Assistant District Attorney for 11 years before becoming Chief

School graduating with a Juris Doctor degree in 1972.

Judge Barr is married to Nancy O'Brien Barr, who teaches sixth grade at Charles Henderson Middle School in Troy. They have two children, Meredith Fitzgerald and Rob Barr.

Judge Barr said he has enjoyed his time on the bench serving with Judge Tom Head and Judge Steve Barr.

"We are fortunate to have three Circuit Judges in the Twelfth Circuit who are willing to work hard in serving the citizens of Coffee and Pike counties, and I am looking forward to continued service in the future," he said.

## Hollingsworth seeks District Judge spot

Local Enterprise attorney, Rick Hollingsworth, Jr., is pleased to announce his qualification as a Republican candidate for the District Judge of Coffee County.

Hollingsworth, Jr., attended Troy State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with honors, was elected a Troy State Supreme Court

Justice, and was named to the Who's Who of American University & College Students.

Hollingsworth, Jr., went on to earn his master of science degree in only one year and enrolled in the University of Alabama School of Law where he was elected to the Student Senate and named the

Who's Who of American Law School Students. Following law school, Hollingsworth, Jr., joined his father in private law practice forming the law firm of Hollingsworth & Attorneys at Law.

In 2003, Hollingsworth, Jr., returned to his alma mater as an adjunct professor to teach Constitutional Law and Evidence in the Troy State University undergraduate program.

Since entering into the practice of law, Hollingsworth, Jr., has zealously represented clients of all ages, races, and economic circumstances throughout the spectrum of legal issues that exist in society today.

Hollingsworth, Jr., has argued complex legal issues in the Federal Courts of the Middle District of Alabama and tried numerous cases in the criminal and civil Circuit Courts

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## Fuller seeking District One commission seat

Larry H. Fuller formally announces his candidacy for

Commissioner in District 1.

Larry is a married to Louise Fillmon Fuller of Elba and they have one son, Jeffrey.

Larry is a lifelong resident of Coffee County and he is a 1975 graduate of Elba High School.

He is in a partnership in business with his father, Jessie Fuller where they own and operate Fuller Brothers

Garage and Grocery, an established business in Elba for over 40 years.

He feels his business experience in working with the public will help him better serve all the members of District 1 in their best interest.

If elected, Larry pledges to serve all the people of District 1

## Clark announces candidacy for District Judge

Local attorney, Shannon Clark, announces her qualification as a Republican candidate

for the District Judge of Coffee County in the June 1 Primary Election. The District Court

comprises the Elba and Enterprise Divisions and has general jurisdiction over matters involving Juveniles, Misdemeanor Criminal and Traffic offense, child support collections, and civil matters not exceeding \$10,000.

A lifelong resident of New Brockton, Clark began her legal career in 1997 as an intern with the Office of the District Attorney. Though a 3rd year law student at the time, Clark was granted special permission by the Alabama State Bar to practice law with the District Attorney's office because of her academic performance and the recommendations of her law professors.

As an intern prosecutor, she represented the State of Alabama in Child Support collections, District criminal matters, and Juvenile cases.

After graduating from law school Magna Cum Laude, Clark opened a practice in Enterprise where she represents the citizens of Coffee County in the District, Circuit and Appellate Courts of Alabama. In her practice, Clark handles a

variety of cases but focuses primarily on Family and Juvenile matters, District Civil cases, criminal defense, and matters of Probate.

Jeff W. Kelley announces his candidacy as a Republican for Circuit Judge, Place 3, 12th Judicial Circuit. Jeff age 47 is a native of Coffee County and a graduate of Troy State University and Jones School of Law.

After graduation, Jeff worked with an insurance company handling a and supervising legal issues prior to going into private practice in 1993.

Jeff has served as a Municipal Judge, City Prosecutor, Mediator, Commissioner of the Alabama State Bar 12th Judicial Circuit, and served on the Alabama Bar disciplinary committee. Jeff feels his experience of advocating for clients, prosecuting cases, sitting in judgment

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## Area Happenings

THE NEW BROCKTON SPRING FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, April 10. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 9 a.m., followed by a Gospel singing from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Arts and crafts will be available throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, April 12, at 9 a.m. from the community room at the county complex.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. from the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

THE COFFEE COUNTY LAKE will be open Saturdays and Sundays ONLY beginning Saturday, April 3rd.











# SCHOOLS

## A look at the history of Easter

Easter, the principal festival of the Christian church year, celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The origins of Easter date to the beginnings of Christianity, and it is probably the oldest Christian observance after the Sabbath (originally observed on Saturday, later on Sunday). Later, the Sabbath subsequently came to be regarded as the weekly celebration of the Resurrection. Meanwhile, many of the cultural historians find, in the celebra-

tion of Easter, a convergence of the three traditions - Pagan, Hebrew and Christian. According to St. Bede, an English historian of the early 8th century, Easter owes its origin to the old Teutonic mythology. It was derived from the name Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, to whom the month of April was dedicated. The festival of Eostre was celebrated at the vernal equinox, when the day and night gets an equal share of the day. The English name "Easter" is

much newer. When the early English Christians wanted others to accept Christianity, they decided to use the name Easter for this holiday so that it would match the name of the old spring celebration. This made it more comfortable for other people to accept Christianity.

But it is pointed out by some that the Easter festival, as celebrated today, is related with the Hebrew tradition, the Jewish Passover. This is being celebrated during Nisan, the first month of the Hebrew lunar year. The Jewish Passover under Moses commemorates Israel's deliverance from about 300 years of bondage in Egypt.

It was in during this Passover in 30AD Christ was crucified under the order of the Roman governor Pontius Pilate as the then Jewish high priests accused Jesus of "blasphemy". The resurrection came three days later, on the Easter Sunday. The early Christians, many of them being brought up in Jewish tradition regarded Easter as a new feature of the Pascha (Passover). It was observed in memory of the advent of the Messiah, as foretold by the prophets. And it is equanimous with the proclamation of the resurrection. Thus the early Christian Passover turned out to be a unitive celebration in memory of the passion-death-resurrection of Jesus. However, by the 4th century, Good Friday came to be

observed as a separate occasion. And the Pascha Sunday had been devoted exclusively to the honor of the glorious resurrection.

Throughout the Christendom the Sunday of Pascha had become a holiday to honor Christ. At the same time many of the pagan spring rites came to be a part of its celebration. May be it was the increasing number of new converts who could not totally break free of the influence of pagan culture of their forefathers, but despite all the influence there was an important shift in the spirit.

The Feast of Easter was well established by the second century. But there had been dispute over the exact date of the Easter observance between the Eastern and Western Churches. The East wanted to have it on a weekday because early Christians observed Passover every year on the 14th of Nisan, the month-based on the lunar calendar. But, the West wanted that Easter should always be a Sunday regardless of the date.

To solve this problem the emperor Constantine called the Council of Nicaea in 325. The council decided that Easter should fall on Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. But fixing up on a weekday was still a problem, and March 21 was made out to be the perfect date for spring equinox.

The dating of Easter today follows the same.

### School and class reminders...

by Karrie Copeland

\*Seniors are reminded to pay any fees owed to Elba High School.

\*10th and 11th grade students interested in the coop program from next year should turn in their application to Mr. Lawford.

\*Tickets for parents/guests attending the athletic banquet April 26th will be \$5 ea. The deadline to purchase is April 22nd. See your coach or the office.

\*Honors Day is May 6 at 1:30

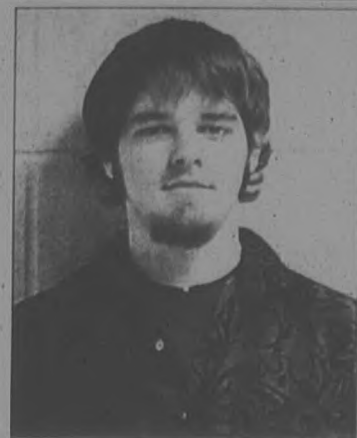
### EHS Student Spotlight

by Brittany Cooper

This week's student spotlight focuses on Mr. John Alexander Allen. He is the 18-year-old son of Milton and Jeanne Allen. He has two brothers, Robert who is in the 11th grade and Jason who is in the 6th grade and a sister, Emily who is in the 4th grade.

Alex is involved in many clubs and organizations at school. He is the President of Spanish Club, President of Ambassadors, and Treasurer of St. Beta. He is also on the Journalism Staff. Alex is a member of Liberty Church of Christ.

In his spare time, Alex enjoys playing in his bass guitar, hanging out with friends and spending time with his girlfriend.



Alex Allen

After graduation, he plans on attending Montevallo, but he is undecided on his major. Congratulations, Alex, and good luck in the future!

### Co-Op Spotlight

by Anna Harrison

This week's co-op spotlight is Taylor McGuire. He is the 17-year-old son of Mike and Valerie McGuire.

Taylor is involved in many activities such as: student council representative, EHS ambassador, Jr. Class Vice President, member of VICA and he is an active member at the Elba Church of Christ. He was also

chosen to be in the Coffee County Youth Leadership program.

In his spare time he likes to go to the beach, hangout with friends, and customize his car.

Taylor works at Jared and Brunson Law Office. When he graduates, he plans to attend Troy State University and major in business and hopefully go into something related to real estate.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Brittany Cooper  
& Christy Eubanks

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April 27 - Grandparents Day  
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# SPORTS

Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

One annual event that is now only a memory at the Mularz house was the Easter Egg hunts that began shortly after Sunday lunch and often continued until almost dark. The girls would always empty their baskets to make room for the eggs that were hidden around the yard, and after the first hunt there always had to be a second and third hunt to make certain that everyone had a chance to find the most eggs and also find a cherished golden egg. Every once in a while someone would find an egg that was hidden the year before, but for the most part the more hunts we held the easier it became to find the eggs. Just a thought about years gone by.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers continued their tailspin in baseball last week and suffered three straight losses to see their losing streak reach five games and their record slip to 3-10 on the season. The Tigers had chances to win all three games, but committed costly errors in the losses to Arton and Abbeville, and carried a 1-0 lead into the seventh inning against Greenville, only to lose in the final frame. Elba has made some changes in its line-up in recent games and must now depend on a couple of youngsters in key positions. However, the key to the Tigers for the remainder of the season will be how the seniors stand up and lead the team both at games and in practice. The record is a disappointment to everyone associated with the program, but the only game that counts is the next game on the schedule and the Tigers need to forget the past and look ahead. Hey, it is past time to just have some fun and see what happens!

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers snapped their five-game losing streak last week and claimed a pair of wins before falling late in the week to Greenville. The Lady Tigers gained a measure of revenge over Kinston early in the week and handed the Lady Bulldogs a rare home loss, then eased past Abbeville before suffering a tough road loss in Greenville. The Lady Tigers began to hit the ball better last week and also cut down on their errors, but left a total of 21 runners on base in the three games and must be able to come up with the key hit at the right time if they are going to keep on winning. Sophomore pitcher Stephanie Baxley came back after missing three games with an injury and was in top form as she pitched a total of 18 innings and allowed only one earned run on five hits, while striking out 38 batters.

\*\*\* The radio talk shows were all a buzz last week after Alabama's Coach Mike Shula renamed one of Crimson Tide's spring training awards and removed the name of Sylvester Croom from the award. The explanation was that it didn't seem right to have the name of another SEC coach on the award, but that explanation didn't little to quiet the complaints heard from many of Croom's former teammates and coaches. I will admit that it seemed funny to have an award named after the coach at another SEC school and will also admit that Croom made some rather pointed remarks at Alabama after he wasn't hired as the Tide's head coach two years ago. However, his name was placed on the award for what Croom did while a player at Alabama, and what he has done since should not take away from his career as a member of the Crimson Tide. In my opinion it was just another mistake in a long list of mistakes made at Alabama.

\*\*\* The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its weekly high school baseball polls late last week and ranked ninth in the state in Class 1A were the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Rebels came to Elba back before spring break with a 7-7 record, and while they had a good team, there had been few signs that the team was ready to take off on a winning streak. Since that time the Rebels have posted a 6-1 record, moved atop the area standings and now have broken into the Top 10 in the state. This bunch of players at Zion Chapel have been playing baseball together since Dixie Youth and their experience is paying huge dividends.

\*\*\* The first annual "Elba Alumni" baseball game was played last weekend at Tiger Field and the alumni showed the current Tigers they could still play the game as they rolled to a 20-8 win, in six innings. Early in the week I had called the alumni team the "Old Timers," but after I got to see the roster I quickly realized that the alumni team had several players that were still very talented and had to drop the name. Greg Hanchey was the star on the mound for the alumni as he managed to coax three innings out of his arm before handing the ball to a teammate, while at the plate Kyle English had five hits, including two doubles and a home-run; Dustin Stinson had four hits and hit a mammoth home-run to center field that almost cleared the road; and Stevie Smith almost hit two home-run in one inning, only to see his second blast hit the fence. The alumni game was fun to watch and maybe in years to come the present-day Elba Tigers can enjoy the show and watch two teams filled with alumni compete against each other.

\*\*\* In closing...a benefit softball tournament was held last weekend in Elba to help raise funds for the "Relay for Life," and one of the umpires for the event was none other than Bill Bullard. Bill has probably umpired thousands of softball and baseball games over the years here in Elba, and many years ago was always behind the plate whenever the lights went on behind the school for adult or youth games. For years you knew one thing was a certain, that if there was ball being played Bill Bullard was there behind the plate. Bill didn't stay all day, but he did get in a couple of games, and whether he will admit it or not, I betcha he enjoyed every inning.



Elba's Mallory Allen lays down a sacrifice bunt during recent Lady Tiger softball action. The Lady Tigers claimed two wins last week in three games to move their record to 4-8 on the season.

(Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star/News)

Fall to Greenville

## Lady Tigers defeat Kinston and Abbeville

The Elba Lady Tigers had a busy week on the softball diamond as they claimed two wins in three outings to improve their record to 4-8 on the season.

The Lady Tigers opened the week on the road and avenged an early-season loss last Monday afternoon by rolling past the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 7-2, in Kinston.

Kinston took advantage of two Elba errors to jump out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, but Elba came to life at the plate in its half of the third and plated four runs to grab a 4-1 advantage.

Mallory Allen reached on a Kinston error to open the third inning, while back-to-back singles by Amanda Pope and Lacy Carlie and a two-out single by Greta Robinson enabled the Lady Tigers to rally and take the lead.

Elba's lead went to 5-1 in the top of the fourth when Stephanie Baxley singled and later scored on a Kinston error. However, the Lady Bulldogs took advantage of two Elba errors in the bottom of the frame to score one run and after four innings the Lady Tigers' lead stood at 5-2.

Elba added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh on a two-run double by Haleigh Duncan and easily held on to post the 7-2 win.

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Elba's Jessica Danford fields a grounder during a recent high school softball game. The Lady Tigers will travel to Abbeville on Thursday afternoon looking to improve their record against the Lady Jackets.

(Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star/News)

### High School SCHEDULES

#### \*\* BASEBALL \*\*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Zion Chapel at Cottonwood (5:00) Pittman Field, in Dothan

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Zion Chapel at Florala (DH)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 12

Straughn at Elba (4:00)  
Houston County at Zion Chapel (5:00)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Opp at Elba (4:00)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Elba at Samson (5:00)

#### \*\* SOFTBALL \*\*

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Elba at Abbeville (4:00)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 12

Florala at Brantley (4:00)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Brantley at Luverne (4:00)  
Kinston at Arton (JV-V) (4:00)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Straughn at Elba (3:30)  
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## SPORTS



Elba's Derrick Thomas slides safely into third base in last week's area battle against Abbeville. The Tigers suffered a 7-5 loss to the Yellow Jackets to fall to 3-10, 1-1 in area play as they suffered their fifth straight loss.

## Ranked 9th in 1A standings

## Rebels keep rolling up wins

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued to roll up the wins last week as they posted victories over Cottonwood, New Brockton and Arton to improve their record to 13-8 and moved into the #9 spot in the state in Class 1A rankings.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ZION CHAPEL 6  
COTTONWOOD 4

The Zion Chapel Rebels host-



Zion Chapel's Macon Hodge prepares to throw to second during a recent Rebel win. The Rebels improved their record to 13-8 last week and moved into the 1A standings at #9 in the state.

## Bulldogs unbeaten in area

## Kinston rolls to three big wins

The Kinston Bulldogs hit the field three times last week and posted three big wins to improve their record to 6-9 and move to 3-0 in area play.

KINSTON 6  
FLORAL 5

Jeremy Driver singled in Shawn Brantley with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift the Kinston Bulldogs to an exciting 6-5 win over the Florida Wildcats. Last Tuesday afternoon in Kinston, Brantley had opened the inning with a walk and moved to second on a long fly by Keith Tew, then raced home on Driver's game winning hit. Jeremy Driver had 3 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Garrett Parker added 2 hits, Cole Meeks scattered six hits over six and two-thirds innings for Kinston, while J.T. Wiggins got the win in relief as he recorded the final out in the top of the seventh with runners on first and third.

KINSTON 7  
ARITON 5

The Kinston Bulldogs rallied from an early deficit to slip past the Arton Purple Cats 7-5, last Thursday afternoon. Shawn Brantley and Cole Meeks both had 3 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while J.T. Wiggins added 2 hits. Keith Tew got the win on the mound in relief as he pitched six and two-thirds innings and allowed only one

hit.

KINSTON 12  
PL. HOME 8

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Pleasant Home on Friday afternoon and came home still undefeated in area

play after an exciting 12-8 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles. Keith Tew had 4 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Shawn Brantley and Garrett Parker added 3 hits apiece and Jeremy Driver and J.T. Wiggins both had 2 hits. J.T.

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## Drop three games

## Elba Tigers in tailspin

The Elba Tigers hit the field three times last week and dropped all three games as their losing streak reached five games and their record dipped to 3-10 on the season.

"We simply made too many mistakes to win," stated Coach Winn Grimes, "and we let these games slip away that we should have won. We still have two weeks of baseball left to play and it is time for the players to quit worrying about the record and just play baseball. Every player we have knows how to play, they just have to go out and play hard and see what happens. We are much better than our record indicates and maybe we can close the season with some wins."

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ARITON 5  
ELBA 3

The Elba Tigers traveled to Arton on Monday afternoon and saw a late rally fall short as the Purple Cats scored late to claim a 5-3 win.

Elba managed only two hits over the first four innings and found itself trailing, 3-0, after allowing three unearned runs in the bottom of the third.

However, the Tigers came to life at the plate in the fifth and plated three runs to pull even at 3-3. A one-out single by Clark Skinner ignited the Elba rally, while Chase Boutwell came through with an RBI single and Macon Hodge both had 3 hits to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Josh Smith, Abe Childs, Jason Danley, D.J. Stinson and Jamey White all added 1 hit. Austin Smith got the win on the mound and Zach Legge notched the save. Tanner Medley was saddled with the loss, but did get 3 hits at the plate, as did Layton Griffin.

ZION CHAPEL 17  
NEW BROCKTON 16

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled across the county Thursday afternoon to battle the New Brockton Gamecocks and saw a nine-run lead vanish under a furious Gamecock rally before holding on late to escape with a wild 17-16 win. Austin Smith and Macon Hodge both had 3 hits to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Josh Smith, Abe Childs, Jason Danley, D.J. Stinson and Jamey White all added 1 hit. Austin Smith got the win on the mound and Zach Legge notched the save. Tanner Medley was saddled with the loss, but did get 3 hits at the plate, as did Layton Griffin.

ZION CHAPEL 8  
ARITON 6

The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied to score five runs in their final at-bat to outscore the Arton Purple Cats 8-6, Friday afternoon in Arton. Macon Hodge got 3 hits, including two doubles, and knocked in two runs to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Brandon Taylor also added 3 hits. Jason Danley had 2 hits and Josh Smith, Michael Sneed and Zach Legge all added 1 hit. Austin Smith got the win in relief as he pitched three and two-thirds innings and allowed two hits and struck out four batters.

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GREENVILLE 5  
ELBA 1

The Elba Tigers carried a 1-0 lead into the top of the seventh inning, only to see Greenville rally to score five runs in its final at-bat to rally and post a 5-1 win over the Tigers, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

The Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning on a double by Derrick Thomas and an RBI single by



Elba's Aaron Harrelson (2) keeps an eye on the pitcher as he takes a lead off first base. Elba will host Straughn on Monday afternoon with a possible playoff berth on the line.

Clark Skinner, and made it hold up as Elba's Clark Skinner handoffed Greenville on only three hits over the first six innings.

Greenville opened the seventh with a double to the fence; however, and later in the inning combined it with one walk, one hit batter and two hits to plate five runs and move ahead 5-1.

The Tigers, which managed only one hit over the final five innings, went down in order in the bottom of the seventh and took the 5-1 loss.

Chase Boutwell had 2 hits to lead Elba, while Derrick Thomas added 1 hit. Clark Skinner took the loss on the mound as he allowed five runs on seven hits, three walks and one hit batter, while striking out seven batters.

ABBEVILLE 7  
ELBA 5

The Elba Tigers dropped their third game of the week and saw their area record slip to 1-1 on Thursday afternoon with a 7-5 loss to the Abbeville Yellow Jackets, in Elba.

Elba failed to get a hit over the opening three innings, but Abbeville had much better luck at the plate as the Yellow Jackets collected six hits and combined the hits with two Elba errors to plate three runs to grab an early 3-0 lead.

The Abbeville lead went to 5-0 in the top of the fourth as the Yellow Jackets scored two runs on only one hit. However, the Tigers' bats finally came to

life in the bottom of the inning and Elba scored two runs to cut the lead to 4-2.

Back-to-back doubles by LaRay Williams and Matthew Curran sparked the rally, and both runners scored as the Tigers pulled to within 5-2 after four innings.

The Tigers continued their comeback in the fifth as they scored two runs on three hits to pull within 5-4. A double by Clark Skinner sparked the rally, while Chase Boutwell added an RBI single and later scored on an RBI single by LaRay Williams.

Abbeville added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh, with the big blow being a two-run homer by Wiggins, as the Yellow Jackets upped their lead to 7-4, and even though Chase Boutwell doubled and later scored on an RBI single by LaRay Williams, it was too little, too late, as the Tigers suffered the 7-5 area loss.

LaRay Williams had 3 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Chase Boutwell added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 1 run. Getting one hit were Matthew Curran, Adam Spicer, Clark Skinner and Aaron Harrelson. Derrick Thomas was tagged with the loss as he pitched two and two-thirds innings and allowed 3 runs on 6 hits and 2 hit batters. Ralston Moore pitched four innings and allowed only 2 hits, while striking out 7 batters.

## SPORTS

\* Baseball \* Softball \*  
DIAMOND DUST

## \*\* SOFTBALL \*\*

## Zion Chapel tripped up by Arton 13-3

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels hosted Arton last Tuesday afternoon and came out on the short end of a 13-3 decision. Keri Hobbs ripped a triple to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Lexi Phillips had 4 hits and pitched a one-hitter with 15 strikeouts to lead the Lady Cats.

## Kinston outscores New Brockton 16-8

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs traveled to New Brockton Thursday afternoon and outscored the Lady Gamecocks 16-8. Mandy Loupe had 3 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Haley Kilcrease and Brittany Hunko both added 2 hits and Kaleigh Sanders was the winning pitcher. Brittany Donaldson had 3 hits to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Sherri Eaton and Marissa Loman both added 2 hits.

## Lady Rebels fall to G.W. Long 12-2

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels managed only two hits Thursday afternoon in a 12-2 loss to G.W. Long. Miranda Grider, Emily Trotman and Ashley Dunn all had 2 hits to lead G.W. Long, while Robin Jackson got the win as she allowed two hits and struck out seven batters.

## Lady Bulldogs win Arton Tournament

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to three straight wins Saturday to claim the championship of the Arton Softball Tournament. Kaleigh Sanders tossed a 3-hitter and struck out four batters to lead the Lady Bulldogs to a 3-0 win over Arton, in the championship game. Heather Marlowe and Mandy Loupe both had 2 hits to lead Kinston at the plate, which also claimed wins over Zion Chapel and Goshen in the four-team event.

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Elba Tiger alumni explode to claim  
20-8 win in benefit baseball game

The Elba Tiger baseball team welcomed back the Tiger alumni over the weekend for a benefit baseball game and then watched as the alumni scored runs in every inning to post a wild 20-8 win.

Kyle English had 5 hits, including two doubles and a home-run to lead the alumni, while Dustin Simon added 4 hits, including a home-run, and Stevie Sauls had a double and a home-run in the same inning.

Derek Deese makes return to track  
and wins Street Stock Feature in  
South Alabama Speedway action

By Mark Chisum

Derek Deese's season started with a resounding thud during the annual Rattler Weekend. Running second in the Street Stock Feature, Deese's night ended with a front stretch crash which damaged his car from end to end. With the car repaired, Deese returned for the second weekend of action and led flag to flag to win the Street Stock Feature.

Deese grabbed the lead from the pole and built a three car length lead over Chad Roberts. Roberts chased Deese the whole race, hoping Deese would slip and he would be able to grab the win away. Each lap, Deese was able to maintain a comfortable lead over Roberts. Deese had to survive two restarts, but each time he pulled ahead of Roberts.

Meanwhile, Charles Caston was having a good run. Caston started 11th, but steadily made his way forward. When Scott Morse dropped off of the pace on lap 18, Caston moved into third. But this race was all Deese's. Roberts was five car lengths back at the end. Caston finished third, followed by Jason Kendrick and Tony Childs.

Heath Mills led all 25 laps to take the win in the Super Stock Feature. Although he led all the way, it wasn't an easy win for Mills. Jody Henderson stayed glued to Mills' bumper the entire race while Scotty Anderson won the 7.5 area loss. Mills held his line and didn't afford Henderson the

## Free fishing day set for June 12

"Free Fishing Day" for Alabama is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2004, during National Fishing Week. Approved by the Alabama Legislature, the law allows an annual free day of fishing when residents and non-residents may fish without a fishing license. The specific date is set each year by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"Free Fishing Day is offered to introduce non-anglers to the sport of fishing and to remind former anglers of the fun they've been missing," said Stan Cook, Chief of Fisheries with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. "It's a good time to pass on the tradition of a family fun day of fishing to Alabama's youth."

There is an exemption of the usual fishing license requirement on that day. Some lakes may still require fees and permits, and owner's permission is required to fish private ponds.

Tin Man Triathlon  
set for May 1 at  
Ft. Rucker

Entries are now being accepted for the May 1 Tin Man Triathlon at Ft. Rucker, an annual fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief. The event also includes a Duathlon for non-swimmers.

Details are on the event's website: <http://www.trifind.com/tinman.html>

In brief, the Triathlon includes a 1-kilometer swim, a 30-kilometer (18.6-mile) bike race and 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) run. The Duathlon requires a 2-mile run, 30-k bike race and a second run of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles).

Advance entries are \$30 for individuals, \$65 for two-person teams. The first 100 entrants in each event receive a commemorative T-shirt on race day. Registrations on race day are \$5 more.

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OUTDOORS

Jantzen Flowers killed his first gobbler on March 19. The bird weighed in at 20 pounds and sported a 10-inch beard and 3/4 inch spurs. Jantzen was hunting with his family Tim, Melissa and Talon when he bagged the bird.



Buckley Johnson Parker, of Jackson, Tennessee, killed his first turkey on March 26. The gobbler weighed 20 pounds and had a 10 inch beard. Buckley and his Dad Mike Parker were hunting with their cousins Tim Flowers, Jantzen Flowers and Talon Flowers. He is the grandson of Larry and Norma Johnson Parker.



J. Cole Spicer, Charlie Hayes V and Conner Hayes caught these fish on a recent deep sea fishing trip.



Hayes Spicer holds a fish he caught recently while deep sea fishing.

J. Cole Spicer holds a fish he caught while on a recent deep sea fishing trip.



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**ZION CHAPEL FUTURE LITTLE MISS** (l to r): Kelli Grant, prettiest dress winner and first runner up; Angel Flowers, interview winner and Future Little Miss Zion Chapel winner.



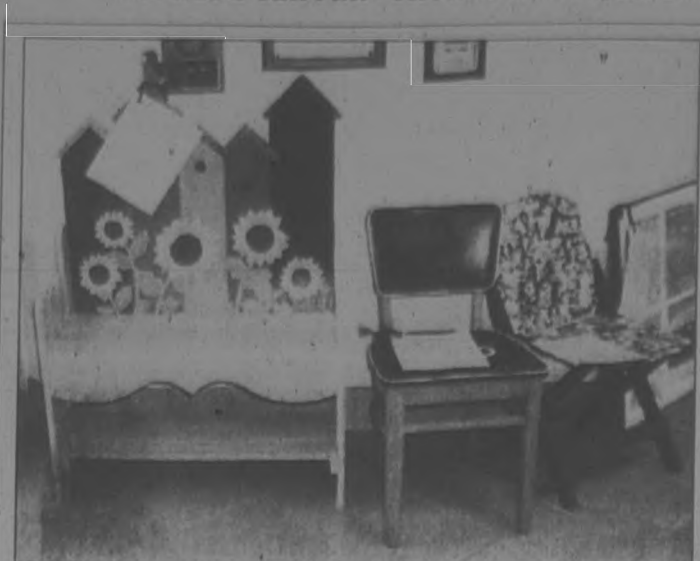
**ZION CHAPEL LITTLE MISS** (l to r): Faith Dewberry - photo-genic winner, prettiest dress winner and first runner up; Savannah Williamson - interview winner and Little Miss Zion Chapel winner; Madison Bedsole - second runner up; and Anna Reaves - third runner up.



**ZION CHAPEL JUNIOR MISS** (l to r): Kirsten Collins - interview winner and first runner up; Amber Grissett - prettiest dress winner and Jr. Miss Zion Chapel winner; and Erica Lewis - second runner up.



**ZION CHAPEL MISS** (l to r): Kenna Roberts - first runner up; Shea Flowers - interview winner and Miss Zion Chapel winner; Nicole Brown - evening gown winner and second runner up; and Samantha Sisney - third runner up.



**BAND DAY CHAIR-ITY AUCTION.** The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band and Band Boosters will host Band Day 2004 Saturday, Apr. 10, on the square in Elba. Highlighting the annual fund raising event again this year will be the "Chair-ity Auction" in which several interesting and creative items have been donated. These items are currently being displayed at The Peoples Bank, and hopeful bidders will be able to place their bid on items until Noon Saturday. Band Day activities begin at 9 a.m.

## CLARK

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Clark said the District Judge, like all elected officials, is a public servant and should therefore be committed to serving the people of Coffee County and improving the community. "At the very least, a Judge should give her undivided attention to the cases that come before the court and should base rulings on a fair and impartial application of the law to the facts and circumstances of each case."

"For the small business owners attempting to collect a debt or the single parents who aren't receiving child support, no case is more important than their own. As a judge, you must recognize this fact and realize that each action you take, from scheduling cases to issuing rulings, directly impacts the lives of those persons appearing before the Court. It is a serious responsibility and one that requires a person who is

both knowledgeable and respectful of the legal process and willing to accord every litigant, witness and lawyer the reasonable opportunity to be heard."

If elected, Clark hopes to improve the District Court system by implementing programs designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Court and minimize costs to taxpayers. Clark's goals for the Court include the utilization of community based programs, such as Teen Challenge and the Christian Mission's New Life Recovery Center in sentencing drug offenders, requiring all probationers to complete a structured program of community service, and conducting volunteer directed forums designed to educate the public on the procedures of District Court. In addition, Clark hopes to implement a Juvenile Mentoring program that will provide intensive supervision for at-risk youth upon their first contact with the Juvenile Court. Clark feels that "if a more pro-active role is taken with the kids early on, we will see success through reduced acts of delinquency, less alcohol and drug use, and better academic performance."

"It is my hope to serve the people of Coffee County as District Judge by bringing a strong work ethic, fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the courthouse. I am confident that with the support of the people in Coffee County, we can create a District Court system that will be a model for the State."

For more information on the Clark campaign for District Judge, contact Shannon Clark at 393-7680, or visit her web-site, [www.clarkforjudge.com](http://www.clarkforjudge.com).

## KELLEY

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tion is one of the most important roles in our society. Most people think they will be fortunate enough not to be in a courtroom. In today's society you or someone you know could be faced with a matter before the Court. You may be called to jury service, be a witness, be a victim, be a litigant, have a domestic matter, or estate matter. You want a Circuit Judge that is fair and impartial one who will only consider the facts and evidence presented in the courtroom and interprets the law as is written. You want someone you can trust."

Jeff further stated his guiding principles when elected is to listen to each party with fairness and respect and will have the courage to rule in accordance with the law. When you enter the Courtroom you will enter a level playing field with a judge who is not predisposed to one party or one position. He pledges to run an efficient courtroom and seek to implement a system to ensure that the victims in criminal cases are not overlooked and involve them in the sentencing of Defendants.

Jeff does not have an opponent in the June Primary.

## DISTRICT

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District Court Judge, Hollingsworth, Jr., believes that the District Court of Coffee County has the potential to be a branch of government that we can all be proud of and the good citizens of Coffee County will need a focused, hard working judge with the dedication necessary to make this possible. Hollingsworth, Jr., believes that he has the real world experience to hear the facts, apply the law and make sound judgments.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Job training recruitment opens for Enterprise automotive supplier

AIDT is seeking applicants for a training program that will provide production technicians for HS Automotive Alabama Inc.'s new Enterprise manufacturing facility. HS Automotive Alabama, Inc., a supplier for Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, manufactures rubber goods for the automotive and industrial products markets.

Production technicians selected from among successful completers of the AIDT training program will perform refining, weather strip extrusion, weather strip cutting/trimming, hose cutting/trimming, hose fitting/assembly, and testing machine operations.

To qualify for the AIDT training program for all positions, candidates must have a high school diploma, or GED, and must be able to work scheduled overtime, weekends and holidays as needed. Candidates for refining positions must also

have one year of experience in mixing rubber and chemicals by formula. Candidates for testing machine operator positions must have good computer skills in addition to the education and work schedule requirements. Preferred testing machine operator candidates are those with experience operating automotive test machines.

Other preferred qualifications are, automotive manufacturing experience, particularly rubber automotive product manufacturing.

HSAA's hourly wages for production personnel start at \$9 to \$12 per hour and higher depending on experience. Employee benefits include medical insurance, paid holidays and vacation time, a retirement program and Worker Compensation Insurance.

Applications for training are available Monday, March 29, through Friday, April 9, at the Alabama Career Center at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise. Applicants must complete the AIDT training application to be considered for enrollment. No resumes will be accepted.

Applicants may obtain training applications at Alabama Career Centers throughout the state, however, each applicant's ability to attend training before employment will be considered in selection of candidates for training.

Information about the training program is available at the AIDT web site <<http://www.aidt.edu/companynjobs.html>> and the ASES web site <<http://www.es.dir.alabama.gov>>.

AIDT, part of the state's two-year college system, was established to develop and coordinate training programs for companies that are creating jobs in Alabama through startup or expansion. Since 1971, AIDT has customized pre-employment, on-the-job and new skills training programs for more than 200,000 Alabamians employed by more than 3,500 organizations.

**SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.** Members of the Zion Chapel Chapter of the Altrusa Club completed another service project this week when items were delivered to the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center Monday, April 5. The 27-member club was chartered several months ago, and its primary goal is to complete service projects that will benefit the Zion Chapel community and its people. The donations to the local senior center included several items to be used as bingo prizes and a toaster oven for the center. Terri Senn (center), director of the center, accepted the items from club members Lynn Sorrells (left) and Britley Parker (right).

## C.C. Republican women donate \$1,000.00 to Disabled American Veterans to be used toward purchase of new van



Liz Murdock Caring for America Chairman, Commander Carl Ethridge, Robbin Blake RWCC President

Members of the Republican Women of Coffee County donated \$1,000.00 to the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans to be used toward the purchase of a new van.

Local DAV Commander Carl Ethridge joined the RWCC at their monthly meeting to receive the donation.

The Enterprise Chapter of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is using the same van it has used for multiple purposes since 1997. The 15-passenger van already has more than 350,000 miles and runs 240 miles each day. The van still makes trips to and from Tuskegee and Montgomery every weekday to take local veterans to the hospital.

The Republican Women of Coffee County were delighted to take this opportunity to give back to those who have given so much for their country. It is because of the sacrifices of our veterans that we can live in peace as Americans.



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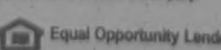
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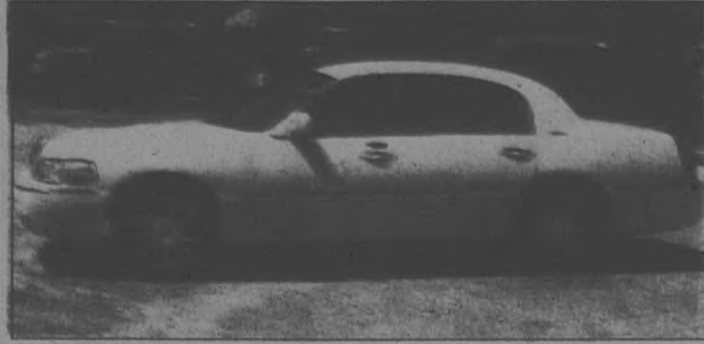
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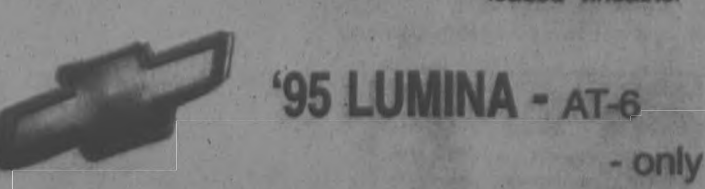
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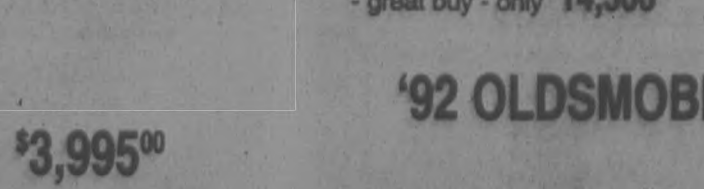
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## Former Elba police officer killed in the line of duty

A fatal collision in Covington County last Thursday morning, April 8, claimed the life of former Elba Police officer Brandon Lassiter. He was working as a deputy with the Covington County Sheriff's Department at the time of this death.

The wreck occurred between midnight and 1 a.m. Thursday morning on U.S. Highway 84 in Covington County when a Ford Explorer driven by Dustin Fletcher, age 25, collided with the patrol car driven

by Lassiter, age 30. Both Lassiter and Fletcher were fatally wounded in the accident.

According to reports, deputy Lassiter was traveling east toward Opp, and Fletcher was traveling west toward a road intersection. Fletcher's vehicle crossed over into Lassiter's lane thus causing the collision. Lassiter was a graduate of

Red Level High School, LBW Junior College and Southwest Police Academy. Prior to serving as a deputy with the Covington County Sheriff's Department, he worked as a police officer with the Elba Police Department and Florida Police Department.

Funeral services for the Red Level native were held Saturday, April 10. He is survived by his parents, James M. Lassiter and Florie Lee Lassiter of Red Level, his grandmother, Vivian Lassiter, also of Red Level, as well as several aunts and uncles.



## Commission votes to assist Coffee County EMS

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The saga of will they or won't they pave County Road 517 apparently ended Monday, April 12, as the Coffee County Commission voted to pay two residents for land to be used as right-of-way.

Discussions regarding this issue have dominated the commission meetings as of late, and commissioner Ernest Brooks began Monday's meeting by offering a motion to pay Myrtle Bostick \$1,200 and Jennine Kelley \$4,000 for their land to be used as right-of-way. He received a second from commission chairman Robert Stephens.

Before voting, commissioner Jim Thompson addressed the issue of paying residents for right-of-ways, and he said he is afraid this will open a Pandora's box that will prove detrimental in the future. Thompson admitted paying these two residents would cost less than condemning the properties, and it would allow County Road 517 to be paved, however, he offered several reasons for not paying the residents.

"What form will we use to decide the worth of individual right-of-ways?" Thompson asked. "On 517 we're paying two different prices for two different pieces of land. Can the county afford to pay every landowner?"

He also asked about compensation for those who unselfishly

Elba automotive supplier extends trainee recruitment

Recruitment reopens Monday for AIDT's training to prepare production operators for the recently completed Toledo Molding and Die Inc. facility in Elba, an automotive supplier specializing in injection and blow molding plastic parts. Applications are available at the plant at 375 Highway 203 (State Road 189) in Elba, and Alabama State Employment Service offices at 312 West Gate Plaza in Andalusia and in Enterprise at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle.

Trainees must complete the AIDT job preparation to be considered for employment. The plant will employ 100 production operators by the end of 2004. Toledo Molding and Die Inc. supplies molded plastic parts for vehicle heating and cooling systems.

Starting wages are \$8 per hour and higher, based on skills and experience. Employee benefits include medical insurance, paid holidays, vacation time and an air-conditioned workplace.

Applicants with a high school diploma or GED and at least six months of industrial experience are preferred.

TMD will select employees from the trainees who successfully complete the AIDT training program. No resumes will be

gave their land for the better of the community.

Thompson said the condemnation process would cost the county more on the short-term, but he said he felt it could save the county money in the long-term.

He said it is the commission's job to make decisions that benefit the whole rather than making decisions based on the short-term.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple also expressed his concern regarding paying individuals for right-of-ways.

Brooks responded to these comments by citing specific times in the past when the county has paid individuals for property.

The motion to pay the two residents passed by a 4-3 vote with commissioners Brooks, Stephens, Linda Westbrook and Jessie Lewis voting in favor and commissioners Thompson, Dalrymple and Tom Grimsley opposing.

Following the vote, Lee

Locklar, a resident of County Road 517, addressed the commission and said she feels like she is being compensated for her property because the road is going to be paved.

"I don't feel like I need the money," she said. Locklar also pointed out that if everyone agreed all the time, there would not be any need for a vote or a majority rule.

She said 12 families on the road, a majority, agreed to give up their land for the right-of-ways to see the road get paved.

"I came here today on behalf of the 12 families to ask the commission to carry out the wishes of the majority, and I believe that's been done," Locklar said. "Thank you for what you have done today."

Commissioner Westbrook offered a special thanks to the directors of the senior centers in her district as she announced that the Pine Level Senior

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## Welcome home Spc. Smith



The long awaited arrival of Elba native Spc. Marian Smith ended Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. when she and the rest of the 851st QMCO returned home to Fort Benning, Ga. The service men and women had been serving their country in Iraq for the past year.

Spc. Smith was greeted with welcome home signs, hugs, kisses and tears of joy from her two sons and other family members.

The Smith family said they would like to thank everyone for the prayers and thoughts while Marian was away, and they said they will continue to pray for the soldiers still deployed.

## Area Happenings

51ST ANNUAL BRUNSON FAMILY REUNION will be Saturday, April 17, at the Brunson family farm picnic area in Elba.

THE PINE LEVEL SCHOOL REUNION will be Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in the Pine Level Community. Bring a covered dish and your favorite drink. Paper products will be furnished (plates, cups, napkins, forks, and ice). For more information call Todd Boland at (334) 897-5889.

COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS announce Kindergarten Registration on the following dates: Wednesday, Apr. 28, at New Brockton Elementary School; Thursday, Apr. 29, at Kinross Elementary School and at Zion Chapel Elementary School. Registration will be from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., and in order to enter kindergarten the child must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 2, 2004. The child needs to attend registration to participate in various screenings. Parents should bring an original copy of the following - birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residency.

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DOING TIME FOR THE BAND...Elba City Schools superintendent Danny Weeks (left) received a visit and handshake from Elba High School principal John Dunn (right) last Saturday, April 10, as he spent time behind bars helping raise money for the Elba High School band program through the "Jail for Band" event. Weeks was one of many local leaders to be locked up for the annual fund raising event, and he said he was happy to serve his time for the cause. The "Jail for Band" event was part of the annual Elba High School Band Day, and once again the Elba community showed its support for program by helping raise funds to support the band and its endeavors.

## Elba W&E board changes policies and rates

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board changed a number of policies and service rates at their monthly meeting on Monday, April 12th. These include payment policy, service fees, connecting fees, reconnect fees and return check fees. Also increased were water tapping fees and some security light rates. The changes are all effective on May 1st.

The change which immediately impacts all Elba utility users is the change in payment policy. Accounts not paid by the 15th will face a 10% late charge. Accounts not paid by the 20th are subject to being disconnected. If the service is disconnected for non-payment, the total amount of the bill due plus a \$50.00 reconnect fee will be collected before utility services are restored. Also, the return check fee is increased to \$30.00.

The customer deposit charge is being discontinued. However in its place is a Customer Service Fee, which is non-refundable.

With the Customer Service Fee changes there is a requirement that a picture identification is required to establish utility services. Customers requesting services to rental property must produce a rental receipt or copy of the lease before service will be connected.

The customer service fees vary according to services required. A full service residential service charge is \$200. A non-electrical residential (i.e. water) charge is \$100. Small business charges are \$350 and industrial customers charges

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## J L Weeks enters race for Coffee County Commissioner, District Two

J L Weeks of New Brockton, AL announces his candidacy for Coffee County Commissioner in District 2.

"I have lived in the O 1 d Tabernacle Community in District 2 for 44 years and I feel that I know the people and needs we have in this part of the county," Weeks said. "I feel my conservative philosophy is line with the people of District 2 and I look forward to serving the people of this district, and promise representation with honesty, integrity and good character with a strong voice on the Commission Board."

Mr. Weeks has a professional background in computers with experience in administration, budgeting, property accountability, logistics, supervision and personnel management. J L believes the experience will be asset in working with the Coffee County Commissioners.

J L is a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War era, states that his desire is to be the people of Coffee County an even better and more attractive place to live and work.

J L and his wife of 46 years, the former Charlotte Ann Baker of New Brockton, have two

married sons, and five grandchildren. The Weeks' are active members of El Bethel Assembly of God Church, where he has served in several positions from Youth Leader to Sunday School Superintendent.

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